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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Walter C. Slater, et al

PHOTOFINISHING SYSTEM AND  
METHOD INCORPORATING  
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Serial No. US 09/494,011

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**SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002, please  
amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please replace existing claims 1 and 3 with the following amended  
claims 1 and 3. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to the end  
of the response.

1. (Three times amended) A method of producing digital image  
products in a photofinishing lab, the photofinishing lab having a plurality of  
image obtaining devices for obtaining a plurality of digital images from multiple  
customer orders, a plurality of digital output devices for providing a plurality of  
digital image products based on the obtained digital images, and a central  
processing unit, the method comprising the steps of:

associating each obtained digital image with identification data;  
sending each of said obtained digital images and their associated  
identification data to the central processing unit, the central processing unit